

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Replace paragraphs 0049, 0050, 0062, 0064 and 0068 with the following respective paragraphs:

[0049] The adapter 10 further includes a centering bit 26 having a first end 26a dimensioned for insertion into a router chuck 28. The router chuck 28 is dimensioned to receive a bit of a first dimension, such as 1/4 inch. The centering bit 26 further includes a first centering portion ~~26b~~ spaced from the first end 26a. The first centering portion ~~26b~~ is in the form of a frustum. The first centering portion ~~26b~~ is generally solid.

[0050] For use with a router having a chuck dimensioned to receive a bit of a second dimension, such as 1/2 inch, the centering bit 26 also includes a second end ~~26b~~_e dimensioned for insertion into the second dimensioned chuck. The centering bit also includes a second centering portion ~~26d~~ spaced from the second end ~~26b~~_d. The second centering portion ~~26e~~ is in the form of a frustum.

[0062] A handle 164 is provided that is extendible and retractable (see e.g. FIGS. 16 and 20). The handle 164 ~~also~~ may also be part of a clamping mechanism which may be used to releasably secure the edge guide assembly 118 to selectively ~~provide for a fixed position or for movement to adjust position.~~ The handle 164 is pivotally mounted to a pivot pin 168, which is secured to the upper component part 160a via a screw 172 extending through the lower component part 160b. The screw 172 is biased in one axial direction via a spring washer 174. The handle includes a slot 170 to allow for pivoting movement of the handle relative to the pivot pin 168 and an eccentric cam surface 166 that rides against the bottom surface of the lower component part 160b.

[0064] Another aspect of the disclosed embodiment is directed toward the feature of a centering pilot member 116 which comprises two component parts 116a, 116b, each of which includes ~~of the~~ includes a complimentary dovetail profile 180 that is adapted to slide linearly within the dovetail groove 138 of the rail 114. The centering pilot member 116 also includes a cylindrical bushing 182 with a central through hole 184 that is adapted to be nailed or screwed or otherwise fastened to a working surface. The bushing 182 is received in a cylindrical cavity 186 of the member 116 to provide for rotation/pivoting movement therebetween.

[0068] As shown, a router guide attachment preferably comprises a quick attach and release type mounting adaptor as shown, which may comprise a locking and release mechanism that may be similar to that disclosed and taught in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/446,871, entitled "Universal Router Guide Pushing Adaptor And Method" filed on February 12, 2003 or U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/505,275, entitled "Adjustable Router Guide" filed on September 23, 2003, and as such the entire disclosures of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference. To facilitate quick attachment and detachment, the housing 214 includes a collar portion 222 that is adapted to rotatably engage a relatively flat circular mounting plate 224 (see FIG. 33). Both the collar 222 and the mounting plate ~~222~~224 may be formed of plastic material, or cast from metal material for heavier duty construction. Mounting plate 224 includes bolt holes with the facilitating bolting of the mounting plate 224 to the end face of the router 212 generally concentric or coaxial about the router spindle. It will be readily appreciated that alternatively, the end face of the router may unitarily provide the mounting plate ~~222~~224 (e.g., the mounting plate ~~222~~224 may be unitarily formed into the housing of the router 212 and therefore a separate plate component may not be needed).